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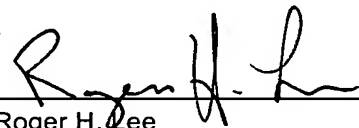
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Respectfully submitted,

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The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 10/777,167, naming Hideyuki Nishikawa et al. as inventors and filed on February 13, 2004, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

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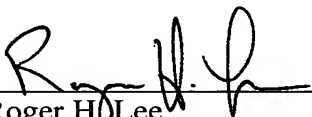
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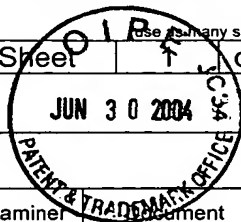
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